Christopher Edwards



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Construction and engineering

Chris is the Deputy Head of the Construction and Engineering Group. He regularly advises and represents clients in respect of a wide range construction and engineering disputes, ranging from residential property disputes to commercial developments to nationwide installation projects. He has a particular expertise in respect of professional negligence claims in the construction field.

Recent and Notable Construction and Engineering Cases

- Advising and acting in numerous claims, both in the TCC and the County Court relating to defective building work at residential and other properties.
- Advising in respect of Building Safety Act 2022 claims
- Successfully defending significant adjudication claiming professional negligence in respect of a firm of quantity surveyors and costs consultants. Issues relating to the proper valuation of work carried out under an NEC3 Professional Services Short Contracts.
- Advising in respect of the apportionment of liability between contractors and professionals in a claim for the inadequate provision of heating for a restored medieval church.
- Advising and drafting in respect of a claim arising out of loans to a property development company by a private bank. Issues of economic duress and conduct by the bank.
- Advising on the construction of share purchase agreements, particularly in relation to the sale of companies in the construction sector.

Recent and Notable Professional Liability Cases

- Advising developer on quantum in respect of failure by conveyancing solicitor to properly negotiate a deed of easement that provided access to the public highway.
- Architect's negligence in respect of duty to warn in relation to VAT rates chargeable by a contractor.
- Multiple claims in respect of architects' negligence in respect of payment provisions under JCT contracts.
- Architect's negligence for wrongly designing reservoir situated on farm.
- Architect's negligence for providing wrong advice as to permitted development rights on a residential property in a green belt location.
- Architect's negligence for failure to correctly supervise installation of new heating in a listed church. Issues of contractual and tortious assumption of duty.
- Numerous claims against surveyors arising from pre-purchase surveys of residential properties.

Recommendations

"Christopher has an eye for detail and a charm in his advocacy. He delivers information in a calm but effective manner. He is impressive to watch."
"Christopher is very approachable and has a commercial approach to claims."
Chambers UK 2027/Construction/Western Circuit

"He is very user-friendly counsel."
"Chris has an eye for detail and a charm in his advocacy that teases out information in a calm-but-effective manner. He's very impressive to watch."
"He's always praised by solicitors for his work and intellectual rigour. He gets on very well with clients and solicitors, and they like the short, concise, clear advice that he provides."
Chambers UK 2027/Professional Negligence/Western Circuit

'Chris's drafting and understanding of complex manufacturing issues were excellent and greatly assisted in delivering an outstanding result for the client. Chris was able to identify key issues that turned the case in the client's favour.'
Legal 500 2027/Commercial litigation/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Christopher is very thorough in his advice to clients and is meticulous in terms of his attention to detail. His advice is sound, and you can be confident in receiving it. He is also good with clients and has a very calm demeanor. Christopher is also very effective in trial, having witnessed him undertake cross-examination.'
Legal 500 2027/Professional Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Chris' intelligence enables him to grapple with the trickiest issues, but he is then able to explain his findings in a way that makes complex matters simple for the client.'
Legal 500 2026/Commercial litigation/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Chris has a very good eye for detail and is a very able and tenacious advocate. He is also very approachable with clients and easy to work with.'
Legal 500 2026/Professional Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Christopher is a very effective and measured advocate. He grasps issues quickly and is extremely thorough.'
Legal 500 2025/Professional Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

Academic qualifications

- BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics, St Peter's College, Oxford
- MPhil International Relations, St Antony's College, Oxford

Professional bodies

- Technology & Construction Bar Association (TECBAR)
- Chancery Bar Association (ChBA)
- Society of Construction Law (SCL)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association (PNBA)